## IMPORTANT information about fraudulent child care licenses

It has come to our attention that someone is selling fraudulent child care licenses to child care home providers in Indiana. Applicants are required to take an online test and pay a fee to receive the license. No inspection visit is conducted and the "license" is printed off the internet or received in the mail.

All legal and legitimate child care licenses in Indiana are issued by the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA), Division of Family Resources, Bureau of Child Care.

All licenses issued by our agency:

- Require a pre-licensure visit by a Bureau of Child Care licensing consultant there is no test
- Are issued for free a provider will never have to pay a fee to become licensed
- Will be signed by the Director of the Division of Family Resources (Lance V. Rhodes) and the Child Care Administrator (Melanie Brizzi)
- Will be laminated and mailed to the provider

If there is ever a question about Indiana child care licensing processes, please call the Bureau of Child Care toll free number at 877-511-1144.